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GENERAL DEPARTMENT.

Dated Calcutta, the 29th June 1889.

SIR,

I HAVE the honour to submit, for the information of Government, the Annual Report on Emigration, under Act XXI of 1883 from Calcutta to British and foreign colonies for the year ending the 31st December 1888.

I have the honour to be,
SIR,
Your most obedient servant,

D. W. D. COMINS,
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REPORT ON EMIGRATION FROM THE PORT OF CALCUTTA TO BRITISH AND FOREIGN COLONIES FOR THE YEAR 1888.

SECTION I.—ADMINISTRATIVE MEASURES.

Auditing of accounts of deceased emigrants' estates.

1. In connection with the payment of large sums of money by the Emigration Agents for the colonies to the Protector of Emigrants on account of the estates of Indian emigrants dying in the colonies for transmission to the representatives of the deceased in India, the Government, at the suggestion of the Comptroller and Auditor-General, made in December 1887, directed this department in January 1888 to arrange, in communication with the Accountant-General, to keep the accounts of the payments in proper form and for regular audit of such payments.

Increase of consolidated fee.

2. In view of the consolidated fee of Rs. 2-8 hitherto leviable for emigration purposes having proved insufficient to cover the yearly expenditure, the Government of India, with the approval of a Conference held on the 8th March 1888, raised the fee to Rs. 3 per emigrant embarked by the following notification, No. 7E, dated the 29th March 1888:—"In modification of the notification No. 121E, of the 1st April 1886, which declared that a consolidated fee of Rs. 2-8 would be levied under sections 38 and 73 of the Indian Emigration Act XXI of 1883 on account of each emigrant who embarks on board an emigrant vessel for the colonies, the Governor-General in Council is pleased to declare that for every emigrant embarking for the colonies after the 31st March 1888 a consolidated fee of Rs. 3 will be levied under the sections above referred to."

Amendment of emigration rules.

3. With the approval of the Conference held on the 8th March 1888 to consider questions relating to the amendment of the rules regulating emigration to the colonies under Act XXI of 1883, the following amendments were made by the Government of India under the subjoined notification, No. 64—21-3E, dated the 20th April 1888:—

(1) Insert at foot of the table in schedule A (page 82) the following *nota bene*:—

"The length over all × the extreme breadth × the inside depth amid ship to be considered as the cubic contents."

(2) For the rule in schedule A (page 84), beginning with the words "the master and the three officers," and ending with the words "shall not be natives," substitute the following rule:—

"The master shall hold a master's certificate of competency; the first officer shall also hold a master's certificate; the second officer shall hold a second officer's certificate of competency; the third officer shall not be required to hold a certificate. The master and officers shall not be natives"

Other amendments were found to be necessary during the year, and the Government of India issued the following notifications:—

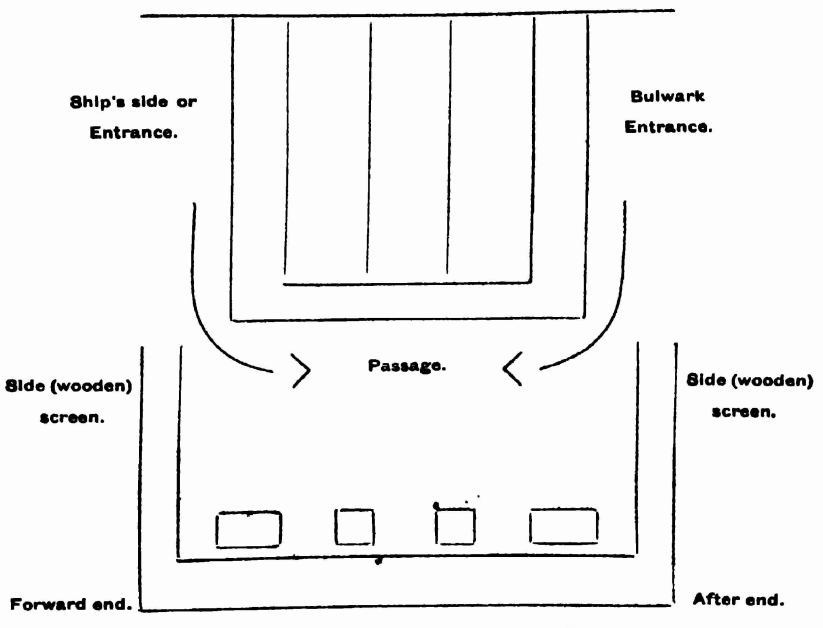
No. 77—27-4E.

(1) To rule 7, schedule D (page 88), after the existing rule, under the heading "blocks," add the following:—

"In front of each block, and at a distance of about two feet from it, a substantial wooden frame of stanchions and connecting pieces shall be erected, extending along the entire length of the block and to about two feet beyond it on each side. This frame shall be sufficiently high to support an extension of the closet roof, which shall be projected in future to a distance of about two feet, and shall rest on, and be securely fastened to, the top of the frame.

"A canvas screen, oiled or tarred, and capable of being securely fastened in its place when let down and rolled up when not required, shall be fitted to the front of the above frame, and shall hang from under the projected roof above to about 18 inches of the deck, so as to form, when let down, a sheltered passage to the closets that are behind and entirely covered by it. The exposed forward and after ends or side entrances of this passage shall be excluded from view by wooden side screens, one at each end, firmly fixed at right angles to the frame in front, so as to leave at each end a covered entrance to the passage, with a view to better control. The forward end entrances to the women's closets may be closed, or be capable of being closed, when desired."

NOTE.—The relative positions of a block of water-closets, and of the front and side screens common to the block, may be roughly indicated thus :—



(2) Under the heading "Compartments," and in the rule below the table (page 88), omit the paragraph beginning with the words "every compartment" and ending with the words "for a handle."

No. 107—30-4E, dated the 13th July 1888.

In rule 8, schedule D (page 89), strike out the passage commencing with the word "whenever" and ending with the word "gratings," and substitute the following :—

"The booby hatches of the main and fore hatchways, and, when one has to be made, of the after hatchway also, shall be constructed to open at their sides, and not at the forward or after ends, and these openings shall be fitted with substantial water-tight lids.

Insecurity of ventilating shafts of emigrant ships.

4. In May 1888 the alleged insecurity of the large ventilating shafts through the deck-houses and cabins of emigrant vessels came under the consideration of Government, and it was held, on the showing of the Marine Surveyor, that deck-houses were strongly built and were a sufficient protection to the shafts carried through them ; that the further protective measures recommended by the Surgeon Superintendent of the emigrant ship *Elbe* were not essentially necessary.

Prohibition of emigration to French colonies.

5. The Government of India, not being satisfied with the existing measures for the protection of emigrants in the French colonies, prohibited further emigration to Martinique and Guadeloupe by notification No. 196—58-19E, dated the 1st November 1888:—"In accordance with the provisions of section 9 of the Indian Emigration Act, 1883, the Governor-General in Council is pleased to declare that emigration to the French colonies of Martinique and Guadeloupe shall cease to be lawful and be prohibited from the date of this notification."

6. On a reference from the Mauritius Government in connection with the amendment of the Mauritius Labour Ordinance 12 of 1878, the Government of India assented in November 1888 to the omission of the words "fixed domicile" in the definition of vagrancy in the amending ordinance, in view of the explanation that there would be no real hardship to Indians, as the temporarily unemployed labourer could always prove either that he had some means of subsistence, or that, being a *bonâ fide* working man, he was only temporarily out of work, and as such was not liable to be dealt with as a vagrant.

Amendment of definition of vagrancy in Mauritius Labour Ordinance.

SECTION II.—EMIGRATION AGENCIES.

1. The four gentlemen named in the following statement carried on agencies during the year for the supply of labour to the British, Dutch, and French colonies.

Agencies in operation during the year.

I must express my thanks to these gentlemen for the courteous assistance I have always had in carrying on enquiries in their depôts.

Colonies importing Indian Labour.		Names of Emigration Agents.	Dates of approval of appointment by Government of Bengal.	Situation of cooly depôts.
Names.	Whether British or foreign.			
Demerara ...	British ...	Mr. R. W. S. Mitchell ...	14th April 1884 ...	No. 8, Garden Reach.
Trinidad ...	Do. ...	,, O. W. Warner ...	30th December 1881 ...	,, 11, ditto.
Fiji ...	Do. ...	,, A. C. Stewart ...	21st August 1884 ...	,, 8, ditto.
Surinam ...	Dutch ...	,, P. Charriol ...	24th August 1888 ...	,, 20, ditto.
Guadeloupe ...	French ...	,, P. Charriol ...	9th March 1886 ...	,, 20, ditto.

I have to report, with regret, the death of Mr. E C. Vancutsem, Agent for Dutch Guiana, who had been connected with colonial emigration since 1876. Mr. P. Charriol was appointed to succeed him on the 24th August, and he also officiated for his brother, Mr. Emile Charriol, absent on leave, as Agent for the French colonies from the 9th March 1888.

Mr. Stewart, Emigration Agent for Fiji, who went on leave on the 11th December, returned and took over charge from Mr. Mitchell on the 11th June 1888.

Mr. De La Mare, the Agent for Mauritius, who was on leave, returned on the 26th May 1888, but was compelled from ill-health to take further leave. He made over charge of his agency to Mr. Stewart on the 20th June 1888.

2. *Labour Requisition from the Colonies.*

Colonies importing Indian Labourers.	For the season 1887-88.	During the year 1887. Number of adult labourers.			For the season 1888-89.	During the year 1888. Number of adult labourers.		
	Under requisition.	Despatched.	In excess of requisition.	Short of requisition.	Under requisition.	Despatched.	In excess of requisition.	Short of requisition.
Demerara ...	2,625	2,600½	.....	24½	3,430	3,309	.....	121
Trinidad ...	2,000	1,965	.....	35	2,050	2,059½	9½	.....
Fiji ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	500	503½	3½	.....
Surinam ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,000	470	.....	530*
Guadeloupe ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	200	205½	5½	.....
Total ...	4,625	4,565½	.....	59½	7,180	6,544½	16½	651

* This balance of 530 adults, not forwarded before the close of the year, remained over for despatch in January 1889.

There was a large increase in the requisitions for labour for season 1888-89, 2,555 more coolies being required than in the previous year. This increase is in a great measure due to a demand for labour from the three colonies of Fiji, Surinam, and Guadeloupe, the Agencies of which were not engaged in recruitment during the previous year. There was an increase of 855 in the number of coolies who were requisitioned for Demerara and Trinidad.

The improved prospects of the sugar industry reported in the colonial and European papers must, if maintained, result in a much greater demand for cooly labour. Prices have risen within a very short time over 30 per cent. and are now higher than they have been for the last five years.

From the above statements it will be seen that recruiting operations were, as usual, confined to Bengal, Behar, the North-Western Provinces, and Oudh.

The general results of registration during the years 1887 and 1888 are given in the following abstract, which shows a large increase of registrations in Bengal, Behar, and the North-Western Provinces:—

	Places of registration.	Year 1887.	Year 1888.
1.	Bengal and Behar	2,607	4,420
2.	North-Western Provinces	3,413	5,101
3.	Oudh	862	804
	Total ...	6,882	10,325

Bengal and Behar registration districts.			North-Western Provinces and Oudh registration districts.					
Shahabad	...	1,525	Benares	...	1,475	Muttra	...	67
24-Pergunnahs	...	1,505	Allahabad	...	947	Fatehpur	...	53
Patna	...	971	Cawnpur	...	680	Aligarh	...	50
Burdwan	...	131	Ghazipur	...	614	Etawah	...	38
Sarun	...	93	Agra	...	330	Mirzapur	...	17
Calcutta (by Protector)		78	Basti	...	236	Fyzabad	...	338
Gya	...	64	Gorakhpur	...	196	Lucknow	...	303
Durbhunga	...	47	Jounpur	...	181	Gonda	...	133
Monghyr	...	6	Azamgarh	...	124	Sultanpur	...	29
			Bareilly	...	93	Unao	...	1
Total	...	4,420				Total	...	5,905

Comparing the districts shown in the above statement in which registrations were effected during the year, Shahabad has the largest number, then 24-Pergunnahs, and then Patna as regards Bengal and Behar. Benares, Allahabad, Cawnpur, Fyzabad, and Lucknow in the North-Western Provinces and Oudh have maintained the same position in the list as in the last year.

The number recruited in the district of Shahabad (1,525) is nearly double that of last year. This is probably owing to partial failure of the crops in that district.

The accompanying maps (1 and 2) illustrate the proportion of emigrants registered to population in each district.

The following is a comparative statement of the numbers of those who were natives of various provinces during the years 1887 and 1888:—

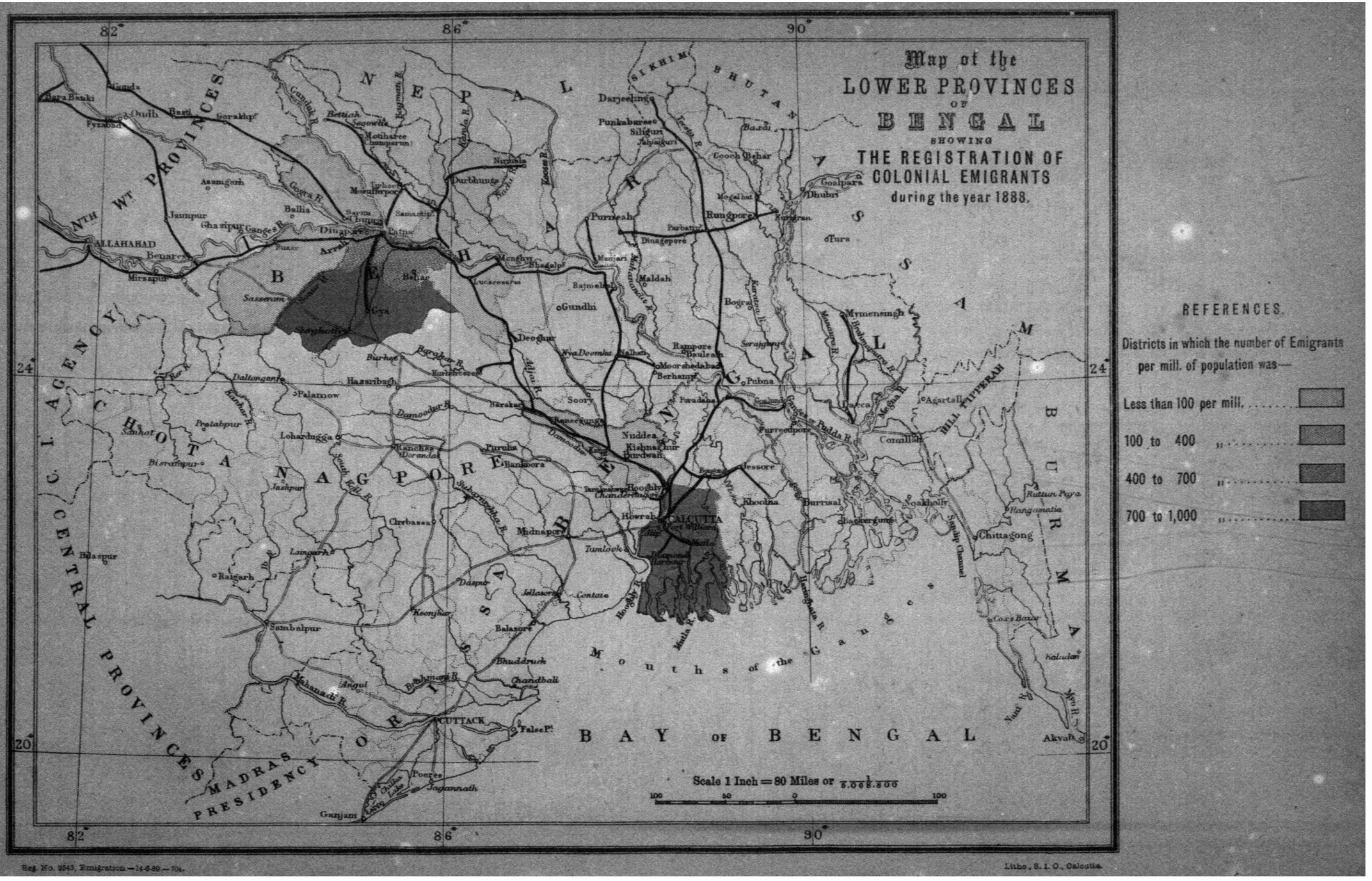
Natives of—	Registered during the years— 1887.	1888.
Bengal and Behar	1,666	2,803
North-Western Provinces	3,473	5,375
Oudh	1,500	1,828
Punjab	58	60
Central Provinces	12	31
Madras	1	15
Bombay	3	6
Native States	134	205
Miscellaneous	35	2
Total ...	6,882	10,325

Native districts.

6. Classifying the total number of persons registered for the colonies according to place of birth, the largest number, as usual, belong to the North-Western Provinces and Oudh. The registrations of 1888 in Bengal included natives of five more districts than in 1887.

The accompanying maps (3 and 4) illustrate the proportion of emigrants to population in each of the above-mentioned districts.

In the district of Benares only about one-third of the total number registered were natives of the district.



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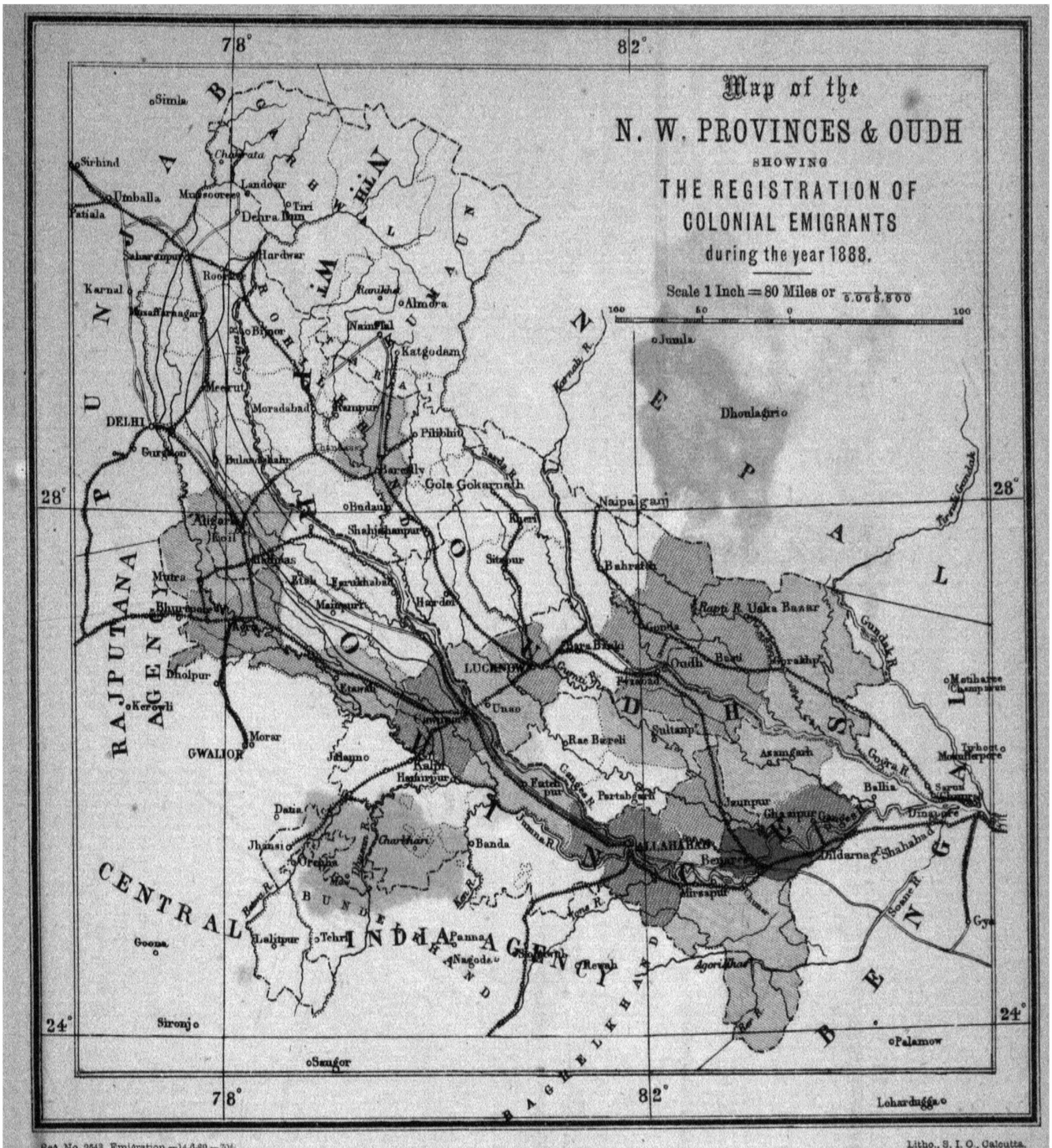

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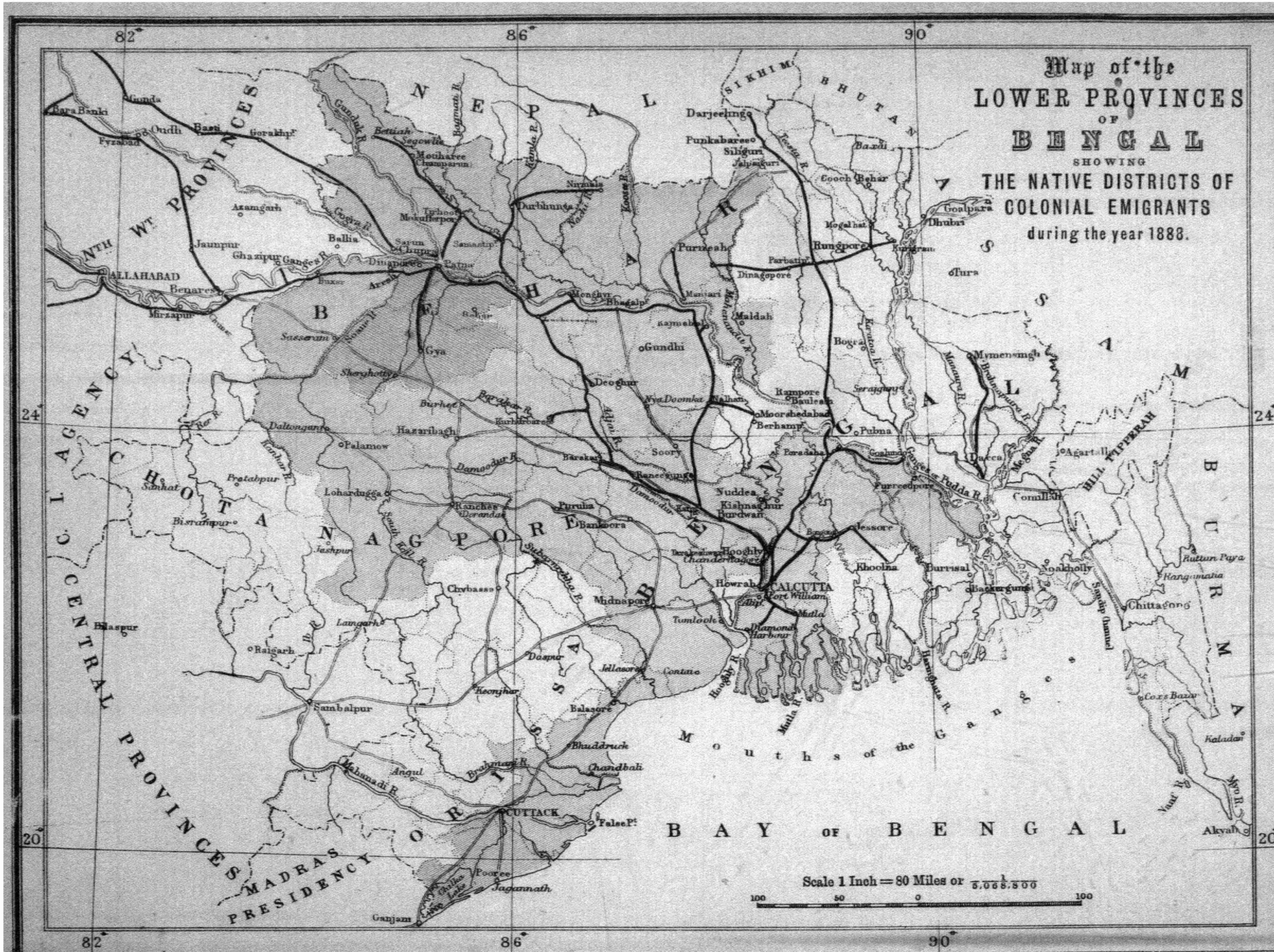
REFERENCES.

Districts in which the number of Emigrants per mill. was

Less than 100 per mill.	
100 to 400 ,,	
400 to 700 ,,	
700 to 1,000 ,,	NIL
above 1,000 ,,	



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District in which the number of Emigrants per mill. of population was—

Less than 100 per mill. ....

100 to 400 ,, ...

Reg. No. 2567, Emigration.—14-6-89.—704.

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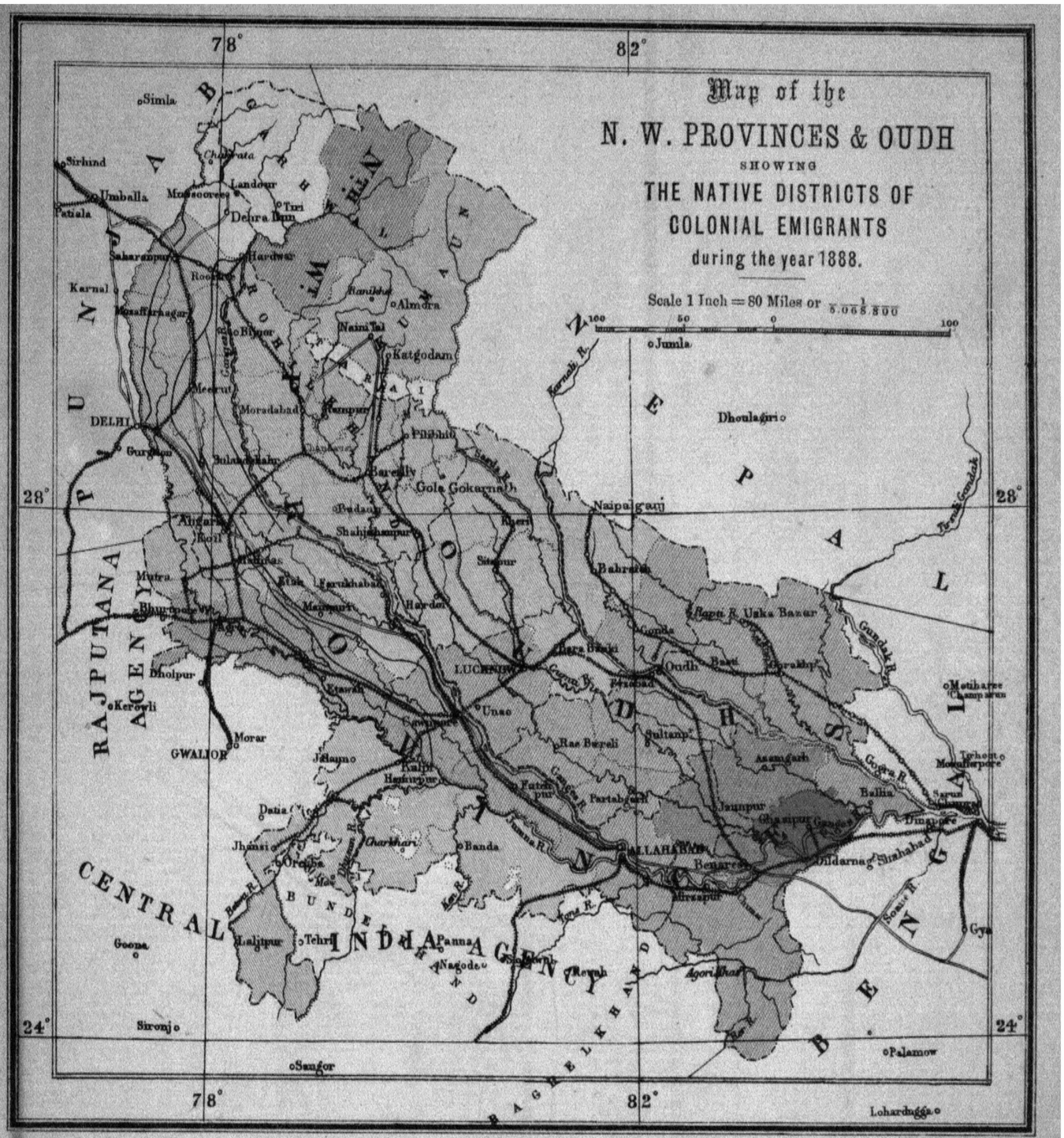

Reg. No. 2567, Emigration—14-6-89.—704.

Litho., S. I. O., Calcutta.

REFERENCES.

District in which the number of Emigrants per mill. of population was—

Less than 100 per mill.....

100 to 400 ".....

400 to 700 ".....

700 to 1,000 ".....

Natives of Bengal and Behar.		Natives of North-Western Provinces and Oudh.	
Native districts.	Number.	Native districts.	Number.
Shahabad	1,344	Azamgarh	850
Patna	495	Ghazipur	748
Gya	316	Jounpur	494
Sarun	183	Basti	491
Mozufferpur	118	Allahabad	438
Monghyr	102	Benares	432
Bhagulpur	42	Fyzabad	326
Durbhunga	41	Ballia	313
Hazaribagh	36	Gorakhpur	296
		Gonda	289
		Partabgarh	281
		Sultanpur	232
		Mirzapur	221
		Cawnpur	163
		Rai Bareilly	166
		Agra	165
		Unao	128
		Lucknow	127
		Furakabad...	98
		Etawah	92
		Bara Banki	89
		Mainpuri	87
		Aligarh	69

Districts of Recruitment.	Total number of registrations effected in 1888.	
	Through recruiters for the colonies.	Through contractors, recruiters, and certificated sardars for the tea districts.
24-Pergunnahs	1,505 (chiefly Beharis)	844 (chiefly Bengalis).
Shahabad	1,525	693
Patna	971	12
Durbhunga	47	Nil.

The above statement shows the results of recruiting operations as carried on during the year under review by the colonial agencies and the licensed contractors under the Inland Emigration Act within the chief recruiting districts of Bengal and Behar. The competition for recruits was greatest in the 24-Pergunnahs and Shahabad; but in the former district the Beharis appear to have elected to proceed to the colonies, while the Bengalis gave the preference to the labour districts, thus showing their natural disinclination to go to any place distant from their homes. In Patna the recruitment of 12 emigrants only was effected by contractors' recruiters, against none during the previous year, and in Durbhunga, as last year, there was no competition whatever.

7. *History of Emigrants between Registration and Arrival at Depôts.*

Emigration Agencies.	Number of emigrants registered.	Number not accounted for by the Emigration Agents.	Number of emigrants despatched from the sub-depôts.	Deduction of Emigrants.																		Infants born subsequent to registration of emigrants.	Total number of emigrants admitted into depôt.
				Number of casualties.						Number discharged by Agency.										Grand Total.			
				Died.		Deserted.		Left behind or detained.	Total.	Rejected as unfit.		Unwilling.		Claimed by relatives.		On account of relationship to rejected, claimed, or unwilling emigrants.		Total.					
				Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage.		
Demerara ..	4,781	658	4,123	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	4,124
Trinidad ...	3,369	286	3,096	1	0·03	32	1·03	19	0·61	52	1·67	...	...	1	0·03	2	0·06	...	...	3	0·09	55	1·77	...	3,041
Fiji ...	665	48	617	...	...	1	0·16	...	...	1	0·16	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	0·16	...	616
Surinam ..	1,321	67	1,254	...	...	1	0·07	...	...	1	0·07	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	0·07	1	1,254
Guadeloupe	196	12	184	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	184
	10,325	1,051	9,274	1	0·01	34	0·36	19	0·20	54	0·58	...	...	1	0·01	2	0·02	...	...	3	0·03	57	0·61	2	9,219

The number of emigrants registered this year was 10,325, against 6,882 in the previous year. Of this number 9,274 only were despatched from the sub-depôts in the recruiting districts, the balance of 1,051 being unaccounted for by the agencies owing to their inability to ascertain the facts attending the non-despatch from their sub-agents and recruiters in the several districts. The number under despatch suffered a further reduction of 57 during the journey to the depôts by casualties, which compare very favourably with those of the previous year under each head, the total percentage being 0·61, against 2·94 in 1887.

8. The Depôts.

(a) *History of Emigrants between Arrival at Depôts and Final Disposal.*

Emigration Agencies.	Number of emigrants admitted into depôts.	Transferred from other depôts.	Number remaining from previous year.	Number of infants born in depôt.	Total number accommodated in depôt during the year.	Deduction of Emigrants.																								Number of emigrants remaining in depôts at the close of the year.
						Number of casualties.						Number discharged by Agency.																				
						Died.		Deserted.		Total.		Rejected as unfit.		Unwilling.		Claimed by relatives.		On account of relationship to rejected, claimed, or unwilling emigrants.		Transferred to other agencies as volunteers.		Released from engagement and returned to places of registration.		Surplus of season's requirements.		Proceeded to colonies as passenger.		Total.		Grand total.		Emigrants despatched to colonies.		
						Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage.	
Demerara ...	4,124	...	...	11	4,135	21	0·50	125	3·02	146	3·50	248	5·99	40	0·96	19	0·45	100	2·41	...	...	...	...	2	0·04	6	0·14	415	10·03	561	13·56	3,573	86·38	3
Trinidad ...	3,041	...	...	4	3,045	20	0·65	95	3·11	115	3·77	273	8·96	66	2·16	13	0·42	103	3·54	159	5·22	3	0·09	29	0·95	9	0·29	660	21·67	775	25·45	2,270	74 54	...
Fiji	616	...	...	...	616	1	0·16	10	1·62	11	1·78	33	5·35	7	1·13	1	0·16	7	1·13	...	...	...	...	20	0·32	...	...	68	11·03	79	12·82	537	87·17	...
Surinam ...	1,254	70	...	2	1,326	12	0·90	12	0·90	24	1·80	120	9·04	31	2·33	16	1·20	46	3·46	...	...	1	0·07	...	...	...	...	214	16·13	238	17·94	513	38·68	575
Guadeloupe	194	105	...	1	290	5	1·72	7	2·41	12	4·13	29	10·00	...	...	...	...	3	1·03	16	5·51	...	...	...	...	...	...	48	16·55	60	20 68	229	78·96	1
Total ...	9,219	175	...	18	9,412	59	0·62	249	2·64	308	3·27	703	7·46	144	1·52	49	0·52	264	2·80	175	1·85	4	0 04	51	0·54	15	0·15	1,405	14 92	1,713	18·20	7,121	75·63	578

The total number accommodated in depôts during the year was 9,412, against 7,264 in 1887. The total casualties in the depôts amounted to 18·20 per cent., against 17·86 in 1887. The percentage of deaths and desertions compare favourably with 1887, while the percentage of those discharged by the Agency, for the several reasons stated, was slightly greater in 1888 than in the preceding year.

(b) Sickness and Mortality among Emigrants in Depôt.

Diseases in Depôt.	Demerara.				Trinidad.				Fiji.				Suriname.				Guadeloupe.				Total.				Remarks.
	Sickness.		Deaths.		Sickness.		Deaths.		Sickness.		Deaths.		Sickness.		Deaths.		Sickness.		Deaths.		Sickness.		Deaths.		
	Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage.	
Diarrhœa	8	0·19	2	0·04	12	0·39	...	...	...	...	...	...	16	1·20	...	...	9	3·10	...	...	45	0·47	2	0·02	* Out of which 8 cases were from cerebro-spinal fever.
Dysentery	15	0·36	2	0·04	14	0·45	4	0·13	...	...	...	...	18	1·35	2	0·15	14	4 82	2	0·68	61	0 64	10	0·10	
Cholera	3	0·06	3	0·07	2	0·06	...	...	1	0·15	1	0·15	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	0·06	4	0·04	
Fever	54	1·53	3	0·07	51*	1·67	7	0·22	3	0·48	...	...	55	4·14	7	0·52	31	10·68	...	...	194	2·06	17	0·18	
Measles	...	...	...	...	7	0·22	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	0·34	...	...	8	0·08	...	...	
Chest affections ...	26	0·62	7	0·16	20	0·65	5	0·16	...	...	...	...	4	0·30	1	0·07	3	1·03	3	1·03	53	0·56	16	0·16	† Besides 1 death in the Campbell Hospital.
Other diseases	7	0·16	4	0·09	27	0·88	4	0·13	1	0·15	...	...	11	0·82	2	0·15	3	1·03	...	...	49	0·52	10	0·10	
Venereal affections ...	18	0·43	...	...	6	0·19	...	...	1	0·15	...	...	8	0·60	...	...	2	0·68	...	...	35	0·37	...	...	
Total ...	131	3·16	21	0·50	139	4·56	20†	0·65	6	0·97	1	0·15	112	8·45	12	0·90	63	21·72	5	1·72	451	4·79	59	0·62	

The admissions into hospital amounted to 4·79 per cent. of the total population of the depôts, against 3·57 in the previous year, and the rate of mortality was 0·62 per cent. of the population, against 0·73 in 1887, showing that although the admissions into hospital were more numerous, the mortality was less.

The Medical Inspector in his annual report makes the following observations regarding the sickness in the depôts during the year under review:—

"The chief cause of sickness was, as usual, malarial fever, the admissions under this head being 201, or 44·56 of the total admissions into hospital, and the mortality 21, or 10·44 per cent. Bowel-complaints (dysentery and diarrhœa) constituted 23·05 per cent. of the admissions and 10 57 of the total mortality. There were only six cases of cholera throughout the year with four deaths, and eight cases of measles with no death. Eight cases of cerebro-spinal fever occurred in the Trinidad depôt between the 9th August and 17th September, four of which proved fatal. No special cause for the outbreak was discovered."

Sanitary state of the depôts.

The Medical Inspector reports favourably on the sanitary arrangements of the depôts, and all rules for promoting the health of the emigrants were properly attended to.

Food.

"The food was frequently examined and found to be of excellent quality and amply sufficient."

Water-supply.

The water-supply was good, and in most of the depôts obtained daily by water-carts from Calcutta, *i.e.*, filtered water. Where tank-water was employed for drinking and culinary purposes, a tank was scrupulously reserved for the same, and the water filtered (the filters being recharged every month or two) before distribution. For bathing either river water or unfiltered tank-water was used.

Clothing.

Clothing was supplied, as usual, according to the requirements of the season.

Latrines.

The buildings are adapted to the requirements, but there is occasionally a difficulty experienced in removing the night-soil, which might be overcome by a little more attention to the matter by the Suburban Municipality.

Depôt hospitals.

The depôt hospitals were well managed, the accommodation good and sufficient, the supply of medicines and medical comforts liberal, and the supervision and treatment of the sick by the depôt surgeons and native doctors in every way satisfactory.

Vaccination.

The vaccination operations were conducted, as usual, with care and attention. All emigrants on entering the depôt were either vaccinated or revaccinated. No case of small-pox occurred during the year.

(c) Comparative statement of Mortality among Emigrants, classified according to Sex and Age.

Emigration Depôts.	Number of Emigrants accommodated.							Number of Deaths.							Percentage of Deaths.						
	Adults.		Children.		Infants.			In each class.							Adults.		Children.		Infants.		
								Adults.		Children.		Infants.									
	Men.	Women.	Boys.	Girls.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Men.	Women.	Boys.	Girls.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Men.	Women.	Boys.	Girls.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Demerara ...	2,434	965	323	250	86	77	4,135	3	4	...	4	5	5	21	0·02	0·41	...	1·60	5·81	6·49	0·50
Trinidad ...	1,711	711	276	209	55	63	3,045	4	6	...	4	3	3	20	0·23	0·84	...	1·91	5·45	4·76	0·65
Fiji	271	149	40	34	8	12	616	...	1	...	..	...	..	1		0·67	...		...	...	0·16
Surinam ...	775	322	104	46	45	34	1,326	4	2	..	1	3	2	12	0 51	0·62	...	2·17	6·66	5 88	0 90
Guadeloupe ...	170	70	14	21	6	9	290	1	1	..	2	1	...	5	0·58	1·42	...	9 52	20	...	1·72
Total ...	5,481	2,217	757	562	200	195	9,412	12	14	..	11	12	10	59	0·21	0·63	...	0·95	6	5·12	0·62

Compared with the previous year, it will be noticed that the deaths among females were increased by 16, and those among males were decreased by 6.

(d) Return showing Cause of Lengthy Detention of Emigrants in Depôt during the year 1888.

Colonies.	Number detained.			Number despatched to colony.	Number released.				Cause of detention.	Remarks.
	Over one month.	Over two months.	Over three months.		Under section 50 (1)a.	Under section 50 (1)b.	Under section 50 (1)c.	Under section 66.		
Demerara	1,121	53	21	3,572	7	...	331	71	Ship not arriving in time, and on account of sickly children.	
Trinidad	550	117	3	2,270	...	...	405	60	Detained for ship; for sick children; for sickness; in abeyance; under enquiry.	
Fiji	...	...	...	537	...	...	60	8	Nil.	
Surinam	430	142	85	513	...	5	45	4	The second ship being late in arriving.	
Guadeloupe	107	123	...	229	...	...	...	1	The steamer *Nantes Bordeaux* having been delayed on account of her repairs and other arrangements, the coolies were detained over two months.	

In connection with the despatch of emigrants to the colonies, there were detentions over two months in four out of the five depôts in which coolies were accommodated, that of Fiji being the exception. The cause of such lengthy detentions of large numbers of intending emigrants was in all the cases the delayed arrival and preparation of ships that were chartered for their conveyance to destination.

SECTION III.—EMBARKATION.

Native Provinces of those embarked.	Number of Emigrants Embarked for the Colonies.					
	Demerara.	Trinidad.	Fiji.	Surinam.	Guadeloupe.	Total.
Bengal and Behar	966	644	164	285	78	2,136
North-Western Provinces	1,868	1,214	215	173	101	3,571
Oudh	675	336	152	49	41	1,253
Central Provinces	30	39	...	4	6	79
Punjab	18	11	2	1	1	33
Nepal and other Native States ...	7	8	3	...	1	19
Miscellaneous { Madras ... ... / Bombay ... ... }	9	18	1	1	1	30
Total ...	3,572	2,270	537	513	229	7,121

The number of emigrants despatched to the colonies during the year aggregated 7,121, against 5,966 in 1887. Of this number 6,379 emigrants proceeded to British colonies and 742 to foreign colonies, the percentage of the two numbers to total number despatched being 89·5 and 10·5 respectively.

2. *Return Emigrants who Re-emigrated.*

Colonies.	Number of Emigrants despatched to the Colonies.												Colonies from which Re-emigrating Emigrants had returned to India.																							
	Fresh emigrants.				Return emigrants.				Total percentage of return to fresh emigrants.				Demerara.				Trinidad.				Jamaica.				Surinam.				Fiji.							
	Men.	Women.	Children.	Total.	Men.	Women.	Children.	Total.	Men.	Women.	Children.	Total.	Men.	Women.	Children.	Total.	Men.	Women.	Children.	Total.	Men.	Women.	Children.	Total.	Men.	Women.	Children.	Total.	Men.	Women.	Children.	Total.				
Demerara ...	2,007	773	430	3,210	150	116	96	362	7·47	15·	22·32	11·27	77	67	61	205	18	12	7	32	18	9	3	25	6	3	2	11	2	..	..	2				
Trinidad ...	1,180	464	323	1,967	119	88	96	303	10·08	18·53	30·34	15·40	30	27	23	80	26	22	26	74	2	1	1	4	14	7	7	28	4	2	3	9				
Fiji	291	115	62	468	39	19	11	69	13·40	16·52	17·74	14·74	15	5	6	26	1	1	...	2	...	...	...	...	7	1	...	8	1	3	1	5				
Surinam ...	285	110	74	469	19	13	12	44	6·66	11·81	16·21	9·38	4	3	...	7	.	1	.	1	2	...	2	2	7	5	9	21	..	..	..	..				
Guadeloupe ...	109	43	32	184	21	9	15	45	19·26	20·93	46·87	24·45	4	6	7	17	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	1	1	3	..	..	..	..				
Total ...	3,872	1,505	921	6,298	348	243	232	823	8·98	16·14	25·19	13·06	130	108	97	335	41	36	33	110	17	10	4	31	35	17	19	71	7	5	4	16				

Colonies.	Colonies from which Re-emigrating Emigrants had returned to India—*concluded*.																																			
	Natal.				Mauritius.				Guadeloupe.				Cayenne.				Martiniquo.				Bourbon.				St. Vincent.				Total return emigrants.							
	Men.	Women.	Children.	Total.	Men.	Women.	Children.	Total.	Men.	Women.	Children.	Total.	Men.	Women.	Children.	Total.	Men.	Women.	Children.	Total.	Men.	Women.	Children.	Total.	Men.	Women.	Children.	Total.	Men.	Women.	Children.	Total.				
Demerara ...	22	16	17	55	13	6	4	23	4	3	2	9	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	150	116	96	362				
Trinidad ...	13	13	20	46	11	4	7	22	15	7	7	29	...	...	...	...	3	1	3	7	1	...	...	1	...	2	1	3	119	88	96	303				
Fiji	7	3	2	12	1	...	...	1	6	5	2	13	1	1	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	39	19	11	69				
Surinam ...	4	3	1	8	2	1	2	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	19	13	12	44				
Guadeloupe ...	4	1	4	9	4	1	3	8	6	...	...	6	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	21	9	15	45				
Total ...	50	36	44	130	31	12	16	59	31	15	11	57	1	1	...	2	4	1	3	8	1	...	...	1	...	2	1	3	348	243	233	823				

Among the emigrants despatched to the colonies this year there were 823 (11·5 per cent.) returned emigrants, against 565 (9·4 per cent) in 1887. The preference as to the colonies to which they proceeded was, as usual, given to Demerara and Trinidad, 362, or only one short of last year's numbers, having embarked for Demerara, and 303, or 101 in excess of the number in 1887, having embarked for Trinidad. A small proportion proceeded to the foreign colonies of Surinam and Guadeloupe—5·3 per cent. to the former (Dutch) colony, and 5·4 per cent. to the latter (French) colony. It is noticeable that almost all the cooly importing colonies are represented in respect of the 823 emigrants who re-emigrated.

3. *Proportion of Women despatched to the Colonies.*

Agency.	Shipment of Emigrants.				Prescribed proportion of women.		Women accompanying husbands.		Remarks.
	Number of men.	Number of women.			Deficiency of year under report.	Excess of year.	Number.	Percentage to unmarried women.	
		Towards proportion of year under report.	Towards deficiency of previous year.	Total.					
Demerara	2,157	889	...	889	...	27	328	58·46	
Trinidad	1,209	550	...	550	...	31	227	70·27	
Fiji	330	134	...	134	...	2	47	54·02	
Surinam	804	123	...	123	...	2	60	95·23	
Guadeloupe	130	52	...	52	...	...	31	147·61	

The prescribed proportion of 40 women to every 100 men was exceeded by four of the five agencies which despatched coolies during the year, the number of women embarked for Guadeloupe being in conformity with requirements.

4. *Abstract of Shipment to the Colonies during the year* 1888.

Colonies to which vessels were bound.	Number of Vessels.			Number of Emigrants carried.		Remarks.
	Sailing.	Steam.	Total.	Total.	Average for each vessel.	
Fiji	1	...	1	537	537	
Demerara	6	...	6	3,573	595	The average number of emigrants carried in each vessel for the year 1887 was 542.
Trinidad	4	...	4	2,270	567	
Surinam	1	...	1	513	513	
Guadeloupe	..	1	1	229	229	Partial shipment.
Total ...	12	1	13	7,121	547	

5. *Emigrant Vessels despatched during the year* 1888.

Serial number.	Name of Vessel.	Colonies to which bound.	Name of commander.	Name of surgeon.	Date of departure.	Date of arrival at colony.	Number of days' duration of voyage.	Number embarked.		Deaths in each vessel.	
								Souls.	Statute adults.	Number.	Percentage.
1	Ship "Hereford" ...	Fiji ...	B. Wickman ...	Dr. J. M Laing ...	16th Feb. 1888	24th April 1888	68	537	500½	3	0·55
2	,, "Main" ...	Demerara ...	J. Richards ...	,, H. Cecil ...	7th July ,,	4th Oct. ,,	90	640	584½	6	0·93
3	,, "Rhine" ...	Trinidad ...	T. Williams ...	,, J. Welsh ...	7th ,, ,,	2nd ,, ,,	88	675	609	5	0·74
4	,, "Sheila" ...	Demerara ...	J. Pearse ...	,, G. Stuart ...	29th ,, ,,	26th ,, ,,	90	540	497½	4	0·74
5	,, "Hereford" ...	Trinidad ...	B. Wickman ...	,, W. H. King	1st Aug. ,,	31st ,, ,,	92	609	540	12	1·97
6	,, "Brenda" ...	Demerara ...	J. Holmes ...	,, E. A. Hardwicke	5th ,, ,,	14th Nov. ,,	102	539	496	11	2·04
7	,, "Allanshaw"	Do. ...	J. Ferri ...	,, J. Perkins ..	29th ,, ,,	20th ,, ,,	84	647	601	23	3·55
8	,, "Jumna" ...	Trinidad ...	G Robinson ...	,, Booth Clarkson	25th Sept. ,,	10th Jan. 1889	108	457	425	3	0·65
9	,, "The Bruce"	Surinam ...	H Eastcott ...	,, R Sinclair ...	30th ,, ,,	3rd ,, ,,	96	513	470	13	2·53
10	,, "Volga" ...	Demerara ...	W. J. Hopps ...	,, J. S. Ireland ...	3rd Oct. ,,	4th ,, ,,	94	628	590	13	2·07
11	,, "Jura" ...	Trinidad ...	R. Russel ...	,, T. C Evans ...	11th ,, ,,	10th ,, ,,	92	529	485½	2	0·37
12	Steamer "Nantes Bordeaux."	Guadeloupe ...	J. Themoin ...	,, Castellon ..	31st ,, ,,	31st ,, ,,	92	229	20c½	4	1 54
13	Ship "Foyle" ...	Demerara ...	J. T. Cutting ...	,, P. Hughes ...	2nd Dec. ,,	27th Feb. ,,	88	578	540	3	0·51

The number of vessels which conveyed the 7,121 emigrants embarked during the year amounted to 13, or 2 in excess of the number in 1887, and one of them was a steamer. The steamer was the *Nantes Bordeaux*, which was originally engaged to carry coolies from Pondicherry, and was permitted to embark 229 emigrants at Calcutta in order to make up the complement of the shipment for Guadeloupe. Excluding this partial steamer shipment, the average number carried by each of the remaining 12 vessels was 574, or 32 more than in 1887. The duration of the passage of these 12 vessels, which proceeded direct to the colonies, varied from 68 days, the fastest voyage to Fiji, to 108 days, the slowest voyage to Trinidad, the average duration being about 91 days, against 94 days in 1887. The aggregate mortality on the 13 voyages amounted to 102, and the percentage of deaths on the number embarked in Calcutta was 1·4, which is very slightly in excess of that of 1887. The highest death-rate was connected with the voyage of the *Allanshaw* to Demerara, being 3·55, against 2·04 of the previous year. This heavy mortality resulted from a severe epidemic of measles during the early part of the voyage, and included chiefly young children and infants.

SECTION IV.—DISEMBARKATION.

1. The following statement furnishes particulars as regards the emigrants who returned from the colonies, the amount of their savings, and the mortality on the voyage to India:—

Colonies.	Number of ships.	Number of steamers.	Total.	Number of souls embarked at colony.	Number of deaths on the voyage.	Average percentage of mortality on the voyage.	Savings.		Remarks.
							Aggregate.	Average amount on the number embarked.	
							Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	
Demerara	2	.....	2	1,389	56	4·03	1,97,084 8 9	141 14 4	
Trinidad	1	.....	1	678	15	2 21	1,60,875 0 0	237 4 5	
Natal	3	3	6	560	11	1·96	*Nil.*	.....	
Fiji	1	.....	1	45	.....	.. ..	873 3 1	19 6 5	
Mauritius	.....	2	2	464	7	1·50	22,006 0 0	47 6 10	
Grenada	1	.....	1	94	1	1·06	12,015 4 8	127 13 1	
Jamaica				554	13	2·34	93,864 8 5	169 6 10	
Cayenne	.....	1	1	48	... ..	. .....	34,214 2 4	712 12 8	
Réunion	... ..	1	1	76	3	.....	1,110 0 0	14 9 8	
Total	8	7	15	3,908	106	2·71	5,22,054 11 2	155 14 10	

It will be seen that eight sailing vessels and seven steamers embarked 3,908 return emigrants during the year, as compared with 14 sailing vessels and eight steamers which embarked 6,346 emigrants in 1887. The death-rate, 2·7 per cent., was somewhat in excess of that of last year, but still, considering the number of invalids and aged persons who return, it may be considered remarkably low. It is satisfactory to observe that there is an increase in the average amount of savings per head during the year under report.

2. Brief particulars relating to each vessel that arrived with return emigrants are furnished in the subjoined statement:—

Serial number.	Names of vessels.	Colonies from which emigrants returned.	Name of surgeon.	Date of departure from colonies.	Date of arrival at Calcutta.	Length of voyage	Number of souls embarked at colony.	Number of births during the voyage.	Total.	Mortality during the voyage.	Percentage of mortality.	Remarks.
						Days.						
1	Steamer "Nantes Bordeaux."	Cayenne ...	Dr. J. Castellan ...	5th Nov. 1887 ...	16th Jan. 1888	66	48	...	48	...	...	
2	Ship "Elbe"	Demerara ...	,, C. H. Gibson ..	17th Sept. ,, ...	15th ,, ,,	121	754	4	758	49	6·49	
3	,, "Erne"	Trinidad ...	,, T. C. Evans ...	6th ,, ,, ...	22nd ,, ,,	139	678	3	681	15	2·21	
4	,, "Umvoti" ...	Natal ...	,, J. Drummond	20th Dec. ,, ...	20th Feb. ,,	62	185	...	185	4	2 16	
5	Steamer "Warora" (transhipped) "Lowada."	Mauritius ..	,, T. Enerard ...	24th Feb. 1888 ...	21st March ,,	30	296	1	297	1	0·33	
6	Ship "Natal" ...	Natal ...	,, E. F. Jugram ..	31st Jan. ,, ...	1st April ,,	61	78	1	79	1	1·28	
7	Steamer "Quathlamba."	Do. ...	,, H. Hitchcock...	6th April ,, ...	24th May ,,	49	60	...	60	...	...	
8	Ship "Hereford" ...	Fiji ...	,, Jugmohun Sing	4th May ,, ...	23rd June ,,	51	45	...	45	...	...	
9	Steamer "Wardha"	Mauritius ..	,, F. L. Kisler ...	28th June ,, ..	18th July ,,	21	168	...	168	6	3·57	
10	,, "Umvoti" (transhipped) "Clan McArthur."	Natal ...	,, J. McIntyre ...	3rd July ,, ...	11th August ,,	40	69	...	69	2	2·89	
11	Steamer "Nantes Bordeaux."	Réunion ...	,, J. Castellan ..	15th Aug. ,, ...	14th Sept. ,,	30	76	...	76	3	3·94	
12	Ship "Natal"... ...	Natal ..	,, E. F. Ingram ...	16th ,, ,, ...	10th Oct. ,,	56	81	...	81	1	1·23	
13	,, "Foyle"... ...	Grenada and Jamaica.	,, W. K. Miley ...	18th April and 14th May 1888.	3rd Nov. ,,	200	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	1·96	One landed at Jamaica.
14	Steamer "Umvoti" (transhipped) "Clan McArthur."	Natal ...	,, Bowri ...	25th Oct. ,, ...	12th Dec. ,,	19	97	97	97	3	3·09	
15	Ship "Ganges" ...	Demerara ...	,, F. C. Shaw ...	10th Aug. ,, ...	17th ,, ,,	130	635	4	639	7	1·09	

All these vessels were inspected on arrival in this country, and separate reports have been submitted to Government.

SECTION V.—ADMINISTRATION OF EMIGRANTS' ESTATES.

Of the four classes of estates that come under the administration of the Emigration Department, the first comprises those of intending emigrants who die in the depôt while awaiting embarkation; the second, those of embarked emigrants who die on the voyage to the colonies; the third, those of immigrants who die in the colonies; and the fourth, those of returning emigrants who die on the voyage to India. The first two classes form a very small proportion, and are considered together in the subjoined statement A; but the third and fourth are sufficiently large and important to merit separate consideration, and the two subjoined statements B and C, respectively, will furnish complete information as to the extent of the work done in connection with their administration.

Statement (A) of Vacant Estates of Emigrants who died in Depôt and on Outward Voyage administered during the year 1888.

Colonies.	Vacant Estates.						Administered Estates.						Undisposed of Estates.					
	Balance of 1887.		Received in 1888.		Total.		Payment made to heirs traced.		Heirs not traceable.		Total.		In course of payment to heirs traced.		Under enquiry.		Total.	
	No.	Amount at credit.	No.	Amount at credit.	No.	Amount at credit.	No.	Amount paid.	No.	Amount not payable.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.
		Rs. A. P		Rs. A. P.		Rs. A. P.		Rs. A. P.		Rs. A. P.		Rs. A. P.		Rs. A. P		Rs. A. P.		Rs. A. P.
British Guiana ...	1	8 8 0	2	21 0 2	3	29 8 2	1	0 3 0	1	8 8 0	2	8 11 0	1	20 13 2	...	.....	1	20 13 2
Total ...	1	8 8 0	2	21 0 2	3	29 8 2	1	0 3 0	1	8 8 0	2	8 11 0	1	20 13 2	...	.....	1	20 13 2

Statement (B) of Vacant Estates of Immigrants who died in the Colonies administered during the year 1888.

Colonies.	Vacant Estates.						Administered Estates.						Undisposed of Estates.					
	Balance of 1887.		Received in 1888.		Total.		Payments made to heirs traced.		Heirs not traceable.		Total.		In course of payment to heirs traced.		Under enquiry.		Total.	
	No.	Amount at credit.	No.	Amount at credit.	No.	Amount at credit.	No.	Amount paid.	No.	Amount escheated to Colonial Government.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.
		Rs. A. P.		Rs. A. P.		Rs. A. P.		Rs. A. P.		Rs. A. P.		Rs. A. P.		Rs. A. P.		Rs. A. P.		Rs. A. P.
British Guiana	18	(a)1,651 9 5	30	2,518 15 3	48	4,170 8 8	10	1,111 12 11	9	837 3 1	19	1,949 0 0	13	789 10 11	16	1,431 13 9	(h)29	2,221 8 8
Fiji ...	(b)1	Not known	78	1,937 14 11	78	1,937 14 11	...	.....	16	288 2 6	16	288 2 6	26	432 13 2	31	1,216 15 1	57	1,649 12 3
Grenada ...	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....
Jamaica ...	(c)4	(d)4,254 7 5	2	544 14 0	6	5,499 5 5	2	344 4 8	...	.....	2	344 4 8	4	5,155 0 9	...	.....	(i)4	5,155 0 9
Mauritius ...	61	3,800 3 11	46	2,081 5 4	107	5,881 9 3	55	3,403 8 11	4	43 8 11	59	3,447 1 10	12	202 7 3	36	2,232 0 2	48	2,434 7 5
Natal ...	1	0 5 0	17	592 10 5	18	592 15 5	6	369 2 3	4	91 12 0	10	460 14 6	5	52 14 4	5	69 2 7	8	122 0 11
Dutch Guiana	1	(e)261 8 3	6	686 3 9	7	942 12 0	5	363 4 3	3	322 15 6	8	686 3 9	...	...	1	261 8 3	1	261 8 3
Trinidad ...	(f)3	(g)803 2 4	2	732 14 0	5	1,536 0 4	2	402 7 0	...	...	2	402 7 0	3	1,233 9 4	...	.....	(j)3	1,233 9 4
St. Lucia ...	3	225 6 4	6	177 8 3	9	1,102 14 7	2	889 5 4	4	158 11 2	6	1,048 0 7	3	54 14 0	...	.....	3	54 14 0
Total ...	92	12,496 10 8	182	9,262 5 11	273	21,759 0 7	80	6,883 13 7	40	1,742 5 5	120	8,626 3 0	64	7,921 5 9	89	5,211 7 10	153	13,132 1 7

(a) Excess of Rs. 635-9-7 is due to addition of amounts at credit of some estates that were unknown or omitted to be stated in 1887.
(b) This estate, relating to an enquiry as to the claim to a piece of land in India, should not have been entered in the statement of 1887, and is therefore omitted from total.
(c) Includes two estates omitted to be shown in statement of 1887.
(d) Includes amount at credit of the two estates omitted in statement of 1887, and of one estate of the two shown as unknown in 1887.
(e) This amount was omitted to be stated in 1887, and shown as unknown.
(f) Includes one estate omitted to be entered in statement of 1887.
(g) Includes amount at credit of the one estate omitted in 1887.
(h) Includes six estates of which amounts at credit are unknown.
(i) Includes one estate; amount unknown.
(j) Includes one estate; amount unknown.

Statement (C) of return Emigrants' Vacant Estates administered during the year 1888.

Colonies.	Vacant Estates.						Administered Estates.						Undisposed of Estates.					
	Balance of 1887.		Received in 1888.		Total.		Payments made to heirs traced.		Heirs not traceable.		Total.		In course of payment to heirs traced.		Under enquiry.		Total.	
	No.	Amount at credit.	No.	Amount at credit.	No.	Amount at credit.	No.	Amount paid.	No.	Amount not payable.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.
		Rs. A. P.		Rs. A. P.		Rs. A. P.		Rs. A. P.		Rs. A. P.		Rs. A. P.		Rs. A. P.		Rs. A. P.		Rs. A. P.
British Guiana	8	1,910 11 5	10	2,840 14 11	18	4,751 10 4	9	2,645 2 10	6	1,086 13 2	15	3,732 0 0	3	1,019 10 4	...	.....	3	1,019 10 4
Guadeloupe ...	1	215 1 3	...	.....	1	215 1 3	...	.....	1	215 1 3	1	215 1 3	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....
Jamaica ...	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....
Mauritius ...	4	(a) 8 0 0	3	205 13 3	7	213 13 3	1	4 12 0	5	207 0 9	6	211 12 9	...	.....	1	2 0 6	1	2 0 6
Natal	1	193 4 3	(b)3	75 2 5	4	268 6 8	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	2	193 13 9	2	74 8 11	(b)4	268 6 8
Reunion ...	..	.....	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....
Martinique ...	..	.....	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	..	.....	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....
Dutch Guiana	2	175 4 0	...	.....	2	175 4 0	2	175 4 0	...	.....	2	175 4 0	..	.....	...	.....	...	.....
Trinidad ...	...	.....	7	318 12 0	7	318 12 0	4	115 15 6	2	198 8 9	6	314 8 3	...	.....	1	4 3 9	1	4 3 9
Total ...	16	2,502 4 11	23	3,440 10 7	39	5,942 15 6	16	2,941 2 4	14	1,707 7 11	30	4,648 10 3	5	1,213 8 1	4	80 13 9	9	1,294 5 3

(a) Represents correct value of the four estates shown in 1887 to have been Rs. 5-11-6.
(b) Full value of one estate unknown, some articles remaining unsold.

The above statements show that the aggregate number of the estates administered during the year under report was 315, valued, so far as is known, at Rs. 27,731-8-3. Of that number 152 estates, valued at Rs. 13,283-8-3, were finally disposed of, the sum of Rs. 9,825-2-11 having been paid to the heirs traced in respect of 97 estates, and the remaining sum of Rs. 3,458-5-4 at credit of 55 estates having lapsed to the Indian and Colonial Governments concerned, owing in some cases to the absence of heirs, and in others to the inability to trace them under the falsified descriptive particulars furnished by their emigrant relatives at the time of registration. The general results, however, of the year's administration were very satisfactory; for it will be noticed that, besides the payment of the above-stated amount, heirs were traced in respect of 70 other estates valued at Rs. 9,155-11, but as the amounts at their credit were in course of payment only, the estates had necessarily to be included among the "undisposed of estates."

The enquiry for persons legally entitled to benefit by the remaining 93 estates, valued, so far as is known, at Rs. 5,292-5, was not completed by the close of the year under report, and the estates are therefore shown in the statements under the heading "under enquiry." It may here be remarked that the full value of only eight of the estates under consideration in statement

B remain to be arrived at, and the Emigration Agencies concerned have been asked to furnish the required information when obtained from the colonial authorities.

The persevering efforts of Mr. Forbes, the Personal Assistant, have in many cases succeeded in tracing the heirs to deceased estates when all clue had been lost of them, and my acknowledgments are also due to the district officers for the ready help they have always afforded.

SECTION VI.—DEPARTMENTAL.

Protector of Emigrants.

1. Dr. Grant held the office of Protector of Emigrants up to the forenoon of the 21st April 1888, when, having obtained leave on medical certificate for six months, he made over charge to Mr. E. R. Forbes, the Personal Assistant. Mr. E. R. Forbes was in charge of the office up to the forenoon of the 24th April 1888, when Surgeon-Major W. H. Gregg relieved him. Surgeon-Major W. H. Gregg officiated as Protector of Emigrants up to the forenoon of the 3rd September 1888, when he made over charge of the office to Surgeon-Major D. W. D. Comins, who continued to officiate during the rest of the year, Dr. Grant having obtained extension of leave up to 19th January 1889.

Medical Inspector of Emigrants.

2. Surgeon-Major Joubert continued to act as Medical Inspector till the 5th April 1888, when he was succeeded by Surgeon-Major E. G. Russell, who acted up to the 5th August 1888. He was relieved by Surgeon-Major D. W. D. Comins, who took charge of the office on the forenoon of the 6th August 1888. This officer held office up to the 2nd September, and then made over charge to Surgeon Cretin on the forenoon of the 3rd September 1888, who acted up to the 5th November 1888, and was relieved by Surgeon-Major E. G. Russell, who was in office till the 14th November, when the permanent incumbent, Dr. McConnell, returned from furlough and resumed charge of his duties on the 15th November 1888.

The Personal Assistant.

3. Mr. E. R. Forbes, Personal Assistant, returned from privilege leave granted to him under Government Notification No. 5336A., dated 5th December 1887, on the 27th March 1888, and has continued to carry on his duties with the same assiduous efficiency as in previous years.

The office.

4. In consequence of the death of Baboo Krishna Chunder Mullick (accountant and 4th clerk) and the removal from the establishment of Baboo Koylash Chunder Nundy (8th clerk) for continued absence without leave, two new clerks were appointed, and the salaries of some of the clerks were redistributed under Government sanction. The work performed throughout the year by the office establishment was satisfactory.

Correspondence.

5. The correspondence during the year has somewhat increased, and was—

Of letters, &c.,	received	...	...	4,282
Ditto	issued	...	...	3,891
			Total ...	8,173

SECTION VII.—APPENDIX.

The following returns are annexed as an appendix to this report:—

I.—Statement of the number of registered intending emigrants, arranged according to their native districts.

II.—Statement of the number and description of emigrants despatched to Demerara, Trinidad, Fiji, Surinam, and Guadeloupe.

III.—Statement of the number of emigrants despatched to, and returned from, colonies east of the Cape of Good Hope.

IV.—Statement of the number of emigrants despatched to, and returned from, colonies west of the Cape of Good Hope.

I.—Statement showing Emigrants registered for the Colonies in the districts of Bengal, North-Western

DISTRICT

BENGAL AND BEHAR.

	DISTRICTS OF REGISTRATION.	Total number registered in each district.	Percentage of residents of district of registration to total number registered in the district.	Balasore.	Bankura.	Bhagulpore.	Beerbhoom.	Burdwan.	Chumparun.	Cuttack.	Durbhunga.	Purneedpore.	Gya.	Hazaribagh.	Hooghly.	Jessore.	Lohardugga.	Maldah.	Manbhoom.	Midnapore.	Monghyr.	Mozufferpore.	Nuddea.	Patna.	Puri.	Purneah.	Sarun.	Shahabad.	Sonthal Pergunnahs.	24-Pergunnahs.	Total.
BENGAL & BEHAR.	Burdwan	131	1·52	...	...	1	.	2	...	1	1	...	14	9	...	...	...	...	5	...	23	2	..	6	...	.	1	6	3	..	74
	Calcutta E. office...	78	.....	1	...	5	...	...	...	...	1	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	9	1	...	...	7	...	..	28
	Durbhunga ...	47	40·42	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	19	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	16	...	1	...	...	4	...	...	...	42
	Gya	64	66·62	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.	42	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	7	...	...	52
	Monghyr	6	33·33	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	1	...	6
	Patna	971	38·62	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	4	...	102	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	42	...	375	...	...	73	170	...	...	776
	Shahabad	1,825	61·31	...	...	1	...	...	2	...	...	...	9	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	2	...	5	...	...	1	935	...	...	957
	Sarun	93	61·29	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	1	57	...	...	...	60
	24-Pergunnahs ...	1,505	0·19	6	12	35	1	4	9	10	16	1	842	26	3	1	3	1	11	10	70	50	1	94	2	1	40	184	12	3	749
OUDH. NORTH-WESTERN PROVINCES.	Allahabad	947	30·83	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	7	...	...	11
	Agra	330	27·27	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Azamgarh	124	79·03	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Aligarh	50	56·00	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Benares	1,475	17·69	...	...	...	1	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	2	...	5	2	1	2	23	...	1	39
	Basti	236	88·98	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Bareilly	93	39·78	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Cawnpur	680	14·70	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1
	Etawah	38	55·26	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Fatehpur	53	41·50	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
	Ghazipur	614	49·51	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	6	...	...	7
	Gorakhpur	196	40·81	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	4
	Jounpur	181	44·19	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Muttra	67	14·92	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Mirzapur	17	64·70	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
OUDH.	Fyzabad	338	29·99	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	2
	Gonda	133	60·45	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Lucknow	303	14·19	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
	Sultanpur	29	34·48	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Unao	1	100·00	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Total ...	10,325	.....	7	12	42	2	8	19	11	41	1	316	36	3	1	5	1	16	11	102	118	1	495	5	3	183	1,344	16	4	2,903

DISTRICTS

OUDH. | NATIVE STATES.

	DISTRICTS OF REGISTRATION.	Bahraich.	Bara Banki.	Fyzabad.	Gonda.	Hardoi.	Kheri.	Lucknow.	Ondh.	Partabgarh.	Rai Bareilly.	Sitapur.	Sultanpur.	Unao.	Total.	Ajmere.	Bikaneer.	Bhuratpur.	Dholepur.	Gusrat	Gwalior.	Hydrabad.	Indore.	Jaipur.	Jamboo.	Jodhpur.	Nepaul.	Patiala.	Rewah.	Srinagore.	Tonk.	Ulwar.	Total.
BENGAL & BEHAR.	Burdwan	...	...	...	4	1	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Calcutta E. Office	...	...	7	6	...	...	1	...	1	3	...	1	...	19	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Durbhunga ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Gya	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	4
	Monghyr	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Patna	...	...	7	1	5	3	2	...	1	1	2	1	...	23	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	13	1	...	...	...	...	13
	Shahabad	2	8	...	...	...	...	1	2	1	2	1	1	1	19	..	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Sarun	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
	24-Pergunnahs ...	3	31	17	2	1	30	14	8	3	1	24	7	144	..	1	1	1	3	1	1	...	1	...	1	3	1	...	..	...	1	15
NORTH-WESTERN PROVINCES.	Allahabad	3	3	18	6	2	...	5	...	190	56	7	50	10	350	...	1	...	1	...	5	...	1	3	2	1	...	...	9	...	...	1	24
	Agra	.	3	1	2	4	...	1	...	2	1	...	3	...	17	1	...	22	17	1	14	1	...	5	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	5	67
	Azamgarh	2	...	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Aligarh	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
	Benares	3	13	54	24	...	7	6	1	47	12	5	64	3	238	1	...	1	...	...	4	...	...	2	1	...	2	.	1	1	...	...	13
	Basti	...	...	16	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	16	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1
	Bareilly	...	...	1	...	2	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Cawnpur	3	5	12	14	28	3	30	...	21	40	6	20	88	270	...	...	6	4	...	8	2	3	1	...	...	...	2	2	..	..	1	29
	Etawah	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
	Futehpur	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	10	1	1	...	15	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	3
	Ghazipur	1	...	4	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	7	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
	Gorakhpur	...	...	9	3	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	13	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
	Jounpur	...	2	40	1	...	...	3	...	1	...	...	8	1	56	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Muttra	...	...	..	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	2	...	...	...	10	2	...	1	.	3	...	2.	...	...	...	...	1	2	21
	Mirzapur	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
OUDH.	Fyzabad	7	19	98	78	1	1	3	...	...	1	3	31	...	233	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	3
	Gonda	8	..	..	107	...	2	...	...	...	8	...	...	...	125	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Lucknow	24	39	8	26	10	4	43	...	5	26	20	13	14	232	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
	Sultanpur	...	5	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	10	...	22	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Unao	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Total ...	50	89	326	289	55	23	127	17	281	166	46	232	126	1,828	4	2	31	33	6	36	5	4	16	3	4	28	7	13	1	2	10	205

and other Provinces during the year 1884, *classified according to native districts or districts of residence.*

OF RESIDENCE.

NORTH-WESTERN PROVINCES.																																						
Agra.	Allahabad.	Aligarh.	Almora.	Azamgarh.	Ballia.	Bareilly.	Basti.	Benares.	Banda.	Bijnor.	Budaon.	Bullandshar.	Cawnpur.	Chunar.	Delhi.	Etawah.	Etah.	Furakabad.	Fatehpur.	Fatehgarh.	Ghazipur.	Gorakhpur.	Hamirpur.	Jhansi.	Jounpur.	Jhalaun.	Kumaon.	Mainpuri.	Muttra.	Meerut.	Moradabad.	Mirzapur.	Mozaffernagar.	Orai.	Pilibit.	Shaharunpur.	Shajehanpur.	Total.
...	4	...	...	13	2	...	1	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	11	1	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	...	...	...	...	...	45
...	...	...	...	5	6	...	10	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	8	3	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	37
...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	3	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1	3	...	...	14	20	...	10	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	40	40	...	...	5	...	...	...	...	2	...	8	...	...	1	2	...	157
...	4	...	...	37	172	2	6	70	2	...	1	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	162	50	...	...	18	...	...	6	...	1	...	10	...	...	...	...	...	547
...	...	...	...	4	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	20	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	30
27	17	1	1	110	61	1	44	55	...	...	...	2	25	...	1	...	1	7	5	...	100	51	...	...	36	...	...	...	...	1	1	26	...	...	...	...	...	573
7	292	4	...	11	2	8	4	4	3	1	1	1	6	2	1	6	1	3	31	1	5	1	...	1	110	...	...	9	2	2	1	30	...	...	...	...	2	552
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OF RESIDENCE.

CENTRAL PROVINCES.											PUNJAB.																				MADRAS.			BOMBAY.						
Chindowara.	Hoshangabad.	Jubbulpur.	Nagad.	Nagpur.	Narsingpur.	Rampur.	Raipur.	Sambalpur.	Saugore.	Total.	Dehra Ismail Khan.	Garhwal.	Gurgaon.	Gurdaspur.	Hydrabad.	Hissar.	Jhind.	Jalaundar.	Karnal.	Kangra.	Lahore.	Ludiana.	Mooltan.	Peshwar.	Rawalpindi.	Rohtak.	Sialkote.	Umballa.	Umritsar.	Total.	Ganjam.	Madras.	Total.	Bombay.	Cutch.	Junagurh.	Poona.	Total.	Miscellaneous.	Grand Total.
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II.—Annual Return of Emigrants despatched to Demerara, Trinidad, Fiji, Surinam, and Guadeloupe during the year 1888.

No. 1.—As to Age and Sex.

	Demerara.				Trinidad.				Fiji.				Surinam.				Guadeloupe.				Total.		Grand Total.
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Proportion of women to men.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Proportion of women to men.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Proportion of women to men.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Proportion of women to men.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Proportion of women to men.	Males.	Females.	
Under 2 years ...	68	63	131	1121 women to every 100 men.	67	55	122	4223 women to every 100 men.	6	12	18	3914 women to every 100 men.	10	15	25	4046 women to every 100 men.	3	7	10	4000 women to every 100 men.	154	152	306
From 2 to 10 years .	213	182	395		169	130	299		34	23	57		43	18	61		16	21	37		475	374	849
,, 10 ,, 20 ,, ...	343	120	462		103	48	151		31	17	48		26	14	40		8	4	12		510	203	713
,, 20 ,, 30 ,, ..	1,525	622	2,147		1,026	423	1,449		251	98	349		104	74	208		93	39	135		3,002	1,256	4,348
,, 30 ,, 40 ,, ...	274	141	415		166	76	242		50	15	65		74	34	108		24	9	33		588	275	863
,, 40 ,, 50 ,, ..	16	6	22		3	3	6		...	...	...		9	1	10		2	...	2		30	10	40
Above 50 years	...	...	...		1	...	1		...	...	...		1	...	1		...	...	...		2	...	2
Total ...	2,438	1,134	3,572		1,535	735	2,270		372	165	537		357	156	513		149	80	229		4,851	2,270	7,121

No. 2.—As to places whence Emigrants came to Calcutta for Embarkation.

	Demerara.			Trinidad.			Fiji.			Surinam.			Guadeloupe.			Total.		Grand Total.
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	
Orissa	6	...	6	2	2	4	...	...	...	2	1	3	...	...	...	10	3	13
Western Bengal	13	9	22	7	4	11	2	...	2	14	11	25	1	1	2	37	25	62
Central Bengal	3	4	7	4	1	5	...	...	...	3	4	7	1	...	1	11	9	20
Eastern Bengal	...	...	...	2	1	3	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	1	4
Behar	604	326	930	404	217	621	106	55	161	175	75	250	49	26	75	1,338	699	2,037
North-Western Provinces ...	1,244	624	1,868	806	408	1,214	145	70	215	120	53	173	61	40	101	2,376	1,195	3,571
Oudh	521	154	675	260	76	336	113	39	152	88	11	49	31	10	41	963	290	1,253
Central India	19	11	30	19	20	39	...	...	...	8	1	4	4	2	6	45	34	79
Punjab	16	2	18	10	1	11	2	...	2	1	...	1	1	...	1	30	3	33
Nepal and Native States ...	4	3	7	5	3	8	2	1	3	...	...	...	1	...	1	12	7	19
Mixed, Bombay and Madras	8	1	9	16	2	18	1	...	1	1	...	1	...	1	1	26	4	30
Total ...	2,438	1,134	3,572	1,535	735	2,270	372	165	537	357	156	513	149	80	229	4,851	2,270	7,121

No. 3.—As to caste and religion.

Brahmins and high castes ...	392	183	575	207	103	310	53	30	83	52	23	75	21	2	23	725	341	1,066
Agriculturists	715	256	971	467	160	627	94	29	123	115	39	154	51	25	76	1,442	509	1,951
Artisans	205	89	294	102	33	135	74	30	104	41	18	59	7	10	17	429	180	609
Low castes	859	446	1,305	613	340	953	118	63	181	112	56	168	43	20	63	1,745	925	2,670
Musulmans	267	160	427	144	99	243	32	13	45	37	20	57	27	23	50	507	315	822
Christians	...	...	...	2	...	2	1	...	1	...	.	...	...	...	...	3	..	3
Total ...	2,438	1,134	3,572	1,535	735	2,270	372	165	537	357	156	513	149	80	229	4,851	2,270	7,121

Memorandum.

	Males.	Females	Total.
1. Hindus	4,341	1,955	6,296
2. Musulmans	507	315	822
3. Christians	3	.....	3
Total ...	4,851	2,270	7,121

III.—Table exhibiting the number and description of East Indian Emigrants who left Calcutta for Natal, Fiji, and Mauritius during the year 1888, *and the number returned therefrom during the same period.*

Names of Colonies.	Embarked.								Returned.							
	Men.	Women.	Children.		Infants.		Total number of souls.	Total number of statute adults.	Men.	Women.	Children.		Infants.		Total number of souls.	Total number of statute adults
			Boys.	Girls.	Males.	Females.					Boys.	Girls.	Males.	Females.		
Fiji	330	134	30	21	9	13	537	500½	34	8	1	2	...	...	45	43½
Natal	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	260	99	82	71	23	15	550	437½
Mauritius	...	...	...	...	..	...	....	...	311	90	30	21	4	2	458	427½
Total ...	330	134	30	21	9	13	537	500½	605	197	113	94	27	17	1,053	900½

IV.—Table exhibiting the number and description of East Indian Emigrants who left Calcutta for the West Indies during the year 1888, *and the number returned therefrom during the same period.*

Names of Colonies.	Embarked.								Returned.							
	Men.	Women.	Children.		Infants.		Total number of souls.	Total number of statute adults.	Men.	Women.	Children		Infants.		Total number of souls.	Total number of statute adults.
			Boys.	Girls.	Males.	Females.					Boys.	Girls.	Males.	Females.		
Demerara	2,157	889	213	182	68	63	3,572	3,309	775	321	103	115	12	15	1,341	1,218½
Trinidad	1,399	550	169	130	67	55	2,270	2,059½	384	148	57	55	11	11	666	599
Jamaica	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	275	152	55	46	15	9	552	489½
Grenada	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	50	18	6	16	1	4	95	81½
Surinam	304	125	43	18	10	15	513	470	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Guadeloupe	130	52	16	21	3	7	229	205½	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Réunion	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	53	13	4	1	...	2	73	68½
Cayenne	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	27	15	5	1	...	...	48	45
Total ...	3,890	1,614	441	351	148	140	6,584	6,044	1,564	667	230	234	39	41	2,775	2,502

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GENERAL DEPARTMENT.

COLONIAL EMIGRATION.

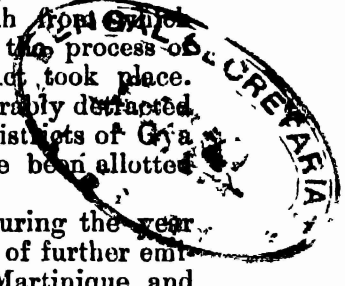
CALCUTTA, THE 29TH JULY, 1889.

RESOLUTION.

READ—

The Report on Emigration from the Port of Calcutta during the year 1888.

The Emigration Department was without the advantage of continuity of administration during the year under review, the post of Protector of Emigrants having been filled by Dr. J. G. Garrow Grant and Surgeon-Majors W. H. Gregg and D. W. D. Comins, each for a brief period of approximately four months. Dr. Grant, who had for many years held this appointment, and whose labours had frequently been favourably acknowledged by the Lieutenant-Governor, obtained furlough in the earlier part of the year, and has since retired from the service of Government. The report under consideration, which is submitted by the now permanent incumbent, Dr. Comins, is sufficiently full and fairly concise, and is accompanied by several maps intended to show in a general way, by means of comparative shades of colouring, the different localities in these and the North-Western Provinces and Oudh from which the supply of emigrants chiefly came, and also those in which the process of registration under the provisions of the Colonial Emigration Act took place. The practical value, however, of two of these diagrams is considerably detracted from by the presence of a serious error in the shading of the districts of Gya and Shahabad, of which the latter ought in each case to have been allotted the darker, instead of the lighter, shade.



Administrative changes.

2. The most important administrative measure taken during the year consisted in the absolute prohibition of further emigration to the French colonies of Martinique and Guadeloupe. The expediency of this step had, in the interests of Her Majesty's Indian subjects, been under consideration for some time past, and it was decided in November, 1888, that it should no longer be delayed. The only other change calling for notice was the increase from Rs. 2-8 to Rs. 3 of the consolidated fee leviable from the 31st March, 1888, for each emigrant, the amount received under the lower tariff having proved insufficient to cover the yearly expenditure incurred in connection with the supervision of colonial emigration.

Labour requisitions.

3. As was anticipated in last year's report, and in the Resolution recorded thereon, the demand for Indian labourers has considerably increased, owing in the main to requisitions having been again received from the Fiji, Surinam, and Guadeloupe Agencies. The figures show a very decided advance from 4,625 in 1887 to 7,180, the total number of coolies indented for, and a return to the state of affairs in 1886 and previous years, and it appears that a still further improvement may be expected to result from the brighter prospects, if maintained, of the sugar industry, in which a remarkable, but perhaps too violent, rise of 30 per cent. is reported to have brought prices up to a higher range than has been reached at any time during the last five years.

Recruitment.

4. Keeping pace with the advance in labour requisitions, the number of recruiting licenses granted rose from 345 to 511, and the fact that only four were forfeited is viewed with satisfaction. No fewer than 10,325 intending emigrants, male and female, were collected by these licensees during the year under report, as against 6,882 in 1887, and of these 4,420 were registered in Bengal and Behar, 5,101 in the North-Western Provinces, and 804 in Oudh. As has been the case in preceding years, the largest labour-importing colony was Demerara, for which

4,781 persons were registered, Trinidad following with 3,362 and Surinam with 1,321. The Protector has furnished Government with additional details relating to the homes of emigrants and the districts of their registration, but these disclose little that is novel or of importance. The competition for recruits appears to have been keenest in the metropolitan district of the 24-Pergunnahs, as usual, and in Shahabad, where the number of recruitments was almost double that of the former year—a circumstance attributed to the partial failure of the crops in this district. The Protector remarks that in the 24-Pergunnahs the Behari recruits seem to have elected to proceed to the colonies, while the Bengalis evinced a preference for the labour districts, and this is quite in accordance with the uniform experience of other years.

5. Of the total number, *viz.* 10,325. of emigrants registered, 9,274 only were despatched from the sub-depôts in the recruiting districts, and the explanation that the balance, amounting to no less than 1,051, remains totally unaccounted for by the Agencies "owing to their inability to ascertain the facts attending the non-despatch from their sub-agents and recruiters in the several districts" is far from satisfactory. This point is one on which further enquiry should be made and a report submitted. The casualties during the journey to the depôts compare favourably with those of other years, as also do the percentages of deaths in hospital and desertions; while, on the other hand, the number discharged on account of rejections, refusals to emigrate, and so forth, was slightly higher than in 1887. The hospital and sanitary arrangements generally appear to have maintained a high standard of excellence, and the fact that, although the admissions into hospital were more numerous, the mortality was less, reflects credit upon the medical officers concerned.

Depôts.

6. Of the 7,121 persons who actually embarked on the outward voyage, 6,379 proceeded to British and 742 to foreign colonies. Among the number were 823 returned emigrants, 362 of them destined for Demerara and 301 for Trinidad. Dr. Comins remarks that it is noticeable that almost all the coolie-importing colonies are represented in respect of these 823 re-emigrating colonists, and the indication afforded by the circumstance is reassuring. Savings to the extent of Rs. 5,22,054 were brought back by 3,908 returned emigrants, *i.e.* an average of nearly Rs. 134 per head, against Rs. 6,92,326 by 6,346, *i.e.* an average of Rs. 109 per head, in 1887; and this increase in the savings per head no doubt affords some explanation of the increasing popularity of emigration. The death-rate on the return voyage was 2·7 per cent., and this, although in excess of that of last year, Dr. Comins submits, may be considered remarkably low, due allowance being made for the number of invalids and aged persons who are included in the return shipments.

Outward voyages and disembarkations.

7. The aggregate number of deceased emigrants' estates administered during the year was 315, valued, so far as is known, at Rs. 27,731-8-3. Of these, only 152 were finally disposed of; but, having regard to the fact that in the case of 70 other estates all that remained to be done at the close of the year was the actual payment to discovered heirs of the sums standing at their credit, and that enquiries to trace the heirs to the remaining 93 estates were being pushed on with apparent energy, the Lieutenant-Governor is prepared to agree with the Protector in pronouncing the general results shown in this important branch to have been very satisfactory.

Estates of deceased emigrants.

8. The Lieutenant-Governor has much pleasure in acknowledging the efficient manner in which Drs. Grant, Gregg, and Comins severally conducted their duties as head of the department during the year.

By order of the Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal,

C. E. BUCKLAND,

Offg. Secretary to the Govt. of Bengal.

No. 227.

COPY forwarded to the Protector of Emigrants, Calcutta, for information and for circulation to the Emigration Agents, and with the request that the report asked for in paragraph 5 of the Resolution may be submitted.

Circular Nos. 228-236.

COPY forwarded to all Commissioners of Divisions for information and for circulation to all District Officers subordinate to them.

No. 237.

COPY submitted to the Secretary to the Government of India, Revenue and Agricultural Department, for information.

By order of the Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal,

H. W. C. CARNDUFF,

Under-Secretary to the Government of Bengal.

CALCUTTA,
The 30th July 1889.

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